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WITH OTHER EDITORS

RUSSIA'S LITTLE SCHEME FOR ARMAMENT REDUCTION

(The Atlanta Journal)

It would be scarcely more futile to wrangle with the wind or argue with a fog than to expect reasonableness and fair play from Russia in diplomatic negotiations. For nine weeks the deputy foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France have been trying to bring the Soviet deputy to agreement on an agenda for the proposed conference to ease international tensions. The result of their efforts at the Paris meeting, which marked its forty-second session this week-end, is virtually nil.

The Kremlin's spokesman, Andrei Gromyko, has spent most of his time ranting against the Western powers and evading the principal issues. So far he has rejected every proposal for an agenda which would include the broad and basic problems underlying present tensions and has harped upon the single theme of armament reduction. The United States, Britain and France are quite willing to discuss armament reduction, but not to the exclusion of more fundamental questions nor upon the tricky terms of Mr. Gromyko.

He would have all the Big Four powers reduce their armies percentagewise. Since Russia has far-and-away the world's mightiest army, such a scheme would leave her relatively as strong as now while the defense of the West would be fatally weakened. Her obvious design is to halt the security program of the North Atlantic Treaty nations —a program to which America and her allies were driven by Russia's gigantic war machine and repeated aggressions.

It would be worse than idle to enter upon the negotiations with the Kremlin on terms which committed us in advance to discuss arms reduction on any such treacherous basis. The Western powers would welcome an opportunity for a fair and honest adjustment of their differences with the Soviet Union, but they will not put their heads into an open noose.

TOO BAD, BOYS!

(New York World-Telegram and Sun)

Agriculture Secretary Brannan has issued an order restricting the use of castor oil. At first glance, this seemed to signify that at last he had devised a popular Brannan Plan—popular, at least, with the rising generation. Closer examination, however, reveals that the order is designed to conserve castor oil for the most essential military and civilian needs, and doesn't apply to any person who uses less than 60 pounds every three months.

MARRIAGES UP, DIVORCES DOWN

(The Roanoke Times)

For those prone to view with alarm the alleged decline of the American home here's reassuring news. Statistics released this week by the United States Public Health Service show an increase in the marriage rate and a decrease in the divorce rate in the United States last year.

Specifically, 1950 marriages — totaling 1,669,934 — reflected an increase of six per cent over the preceding year, whereas 1950 divorces, estimated at 385,000, showed a drop of three per cent from the previous year and marked the fourth successive year in which the divorce rate had declined.

Nevada, and this isn't particularly surprising, headed the list for both marriages and divorces. The marriage and divorce trade is one of Nevada's chief industries and its laws governing same are decidedly tolerant—not to say disgraceful.

The lest number of divorces in proportion to total population occurred in North Dakota. Just what significance attaches to that fact we are unable to say.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

(Winchester Star)

On the occasion of a recent Pioneer Day celebration there the Oklahoma City Times went back 62 years, to the time of the opening of the Cherokee Strip, to make a comparison between living cost then and now. As might be expected, prices in 1889 and in 1951 are at wide variance.

The Times learned that bacon cost five times what it sold for 62 years ago. Beef costs 11 times more. Milk sold for 10 cents a gallon and hair cuts were 15 and 25 cents.

Completing the comparison, the Times reports wages were never more than a dollar a day, often less. Living conditions were primitive, even in the cities. Sanitation was terrible, sickness prevalent; luxuries did not exist. Only the more affluent had horse-drawn transportation, there were no hospitals, and sulphur and molasses served as the principal spring tonic after a winter of salt pork and beans.

These Pioneer Day celebrations serve a commendable purpose in reminding this generation of the hardships endured by the pioneers. But few would wish to return to the good old days, or trade the ways of 1951 for those of 1889, with all the latter's advantages in the cost of living.

HEALTH BULLETIN

"The family medicine chest is a potential chamber of horrors," said Dr. L. J. Roper, State Health Commissioner as he recalled the recent tragic experience of two small children who consumed a bottle of aspirin while playing "doctor."

"Most medicine cabinets contain dangerous drugs. The danger close at hand, plus normal human carelessness, too often equals death or serious illness," Dr. Roper said.

Every article in the cabinet should be clearly labeled. Drugs prescribed for one member of the family should never be used to treat another who develops similar symptoms of illness. For example, salve preparations are prescribed for a single individual and may be dangerous to another.

Old medicines frequently are cabinet consists of a mild antiseptic, bandages, and sterile vaseline for burns. All old prescriptions should be thrown away.

Old medicines frequently are dangerous. Many antiseptics such as iodine grow very powerful with age as a result of evaporation. Argyrol is another drug which becomes too strong to use within a few days' time.

Other points to remember, according to Dr. Roper, are:

1. Do not reach into the cabinet in the dark and take medicine. Read the label before swallowing what is in the bottle.

2. Arrange the cabinet so that medicines will be out of the reach of young children.

A properly equipped medicine

FEED, LABOR COSTS CONTINUE RISING

Poultrymen are having to pay with still-rising feed and labor costs, say agricultural economists at V. P. I.

Laying mash hit $5.15 at mid-March compared to $4.40 a year ago. Scratch grain at $4.60 is up 60c from last year.

Hourly wages, without board and room, increased from 54c on April 1, 1950, to 62c on April 1, 1951—an increase of about 15 per cent. Likewise, rates per hour with a house furnished increased from 51c to 55c. Daily rates, without board or room, are up 15 per cent to $2.10 a day.

Farm wage rates in the United States rose 6 per cent in the past three months, and on April 1 were 13 per cent higher than a year ago.

FORESTRY TRAINING

"Boys of high school age are proving more and more valuable as firefighters," according to a statement issued by District Forester E. B. Brierly this week. These are the timberland owners of tomorrow and it is important that they know the danger and destructive power of a forest fire. Knowledge to fight a fire is also

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Rocks

Rocks, May 7.- Farmers started planting corn last week.

A. T. Anderson made a business trip to Pamplin Wednesday afternoon.

L. E. Dickerson was working at the barber's shop at Pamplin last week.

Samuel and Christine Dickerson are out of school with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. T. A. Foster, of Darlington Heights, who celebrated her 70th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach were in Lynchburg Friday with their son, Johnny, to see a doctor.

The Sunday School officers and teachers' meeting was held in the home of the Superintendent, Edward Ranson, Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Farrar and children were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson awhile last Sunday night.

Everyone was glad to see the sick ones out at Sunday School Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson returned home Saturday after being ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Evans at Charlotte Court House for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Scruggs are all smiles. It's a fine boy.

Mrs. Curtis Scruggs and baby are in Southside Hospital, Farmville.

Mary Willie Ranson spent Saturday night with Ruth Ranson.

Louise Ransoa spent Sunday with Barbara Jean Almond at Appomattox.

Peggy Harris spent Sunday with Sandra Ruth Roach.

Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Audrey Dale called in the home of Cleveland Paulette awhile Thursday night.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson and Mrs. C. M. Evans were in Lynchburg today.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach took their son, Johnny to Lynchburg today to have an x-ray picture made.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge and Diane, of Farmville spent Sunday with Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mrs. Rodney Roach celebrated her birthday Sunday.

C. S. Ranson has just added a new room to his dwelling house.

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Spring Mills

Spout Spring, May 8.- The Spout Spring P.- T. A. held its regular monthly meeting Monday night.

Eunice Ann Martin celebrated her 6th birthday Sunday, May 6.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and children and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon and son visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon Sunday.

Miss Frances Carson and Mrs. W. J. Walton spent Saturday night in the home of Mrs. Lester Harvey.

The W. S. C. S. of Salem Church will meet Friday at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Hunter Jamerson.

Pamplin

Pamplin, May 8.- Mrs. Minnie Hoffman, of Schenectady, N. Y. visited friends here last week.

Rixey Southall, Jr., of Medical College, Richmond spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Southall.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry, were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Terry and son, of Cumberland. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Terry and children, of Critz, and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Robinson and children, of Phenix, and Miss Ann Terry, of Glasgow.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson spent the week-end with her brother, O. C. Paulette, of Evergreen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hungate and son, Henry, of Christiansburg were week-end visitors in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dickerson.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall, Mrs. W. B. Ford, Mrs. Lucy Dickerson and Mrs. H. T. Terry attended the home demonstration meeting at Powhatan last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hawkins and son, Arthur Lee spent Sunday with relatives at Blacksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and daughter, Betty Joe, of Appomattox were Sunday visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson.

The W. M. S. and Aid Societies of Elon Baptist Church met Wednesday in the home of Mrs. J. W. Payne. Mrs. L. N. Ligon was leader.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawson Pankey are visiting in the home of his father, E. L. Pankey. Rev. Pankey recently graduated from the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He will be ordained at Elon Baptist Church Sunday, night, May 20, after which he will assume the pastorate of a church near Richmond.

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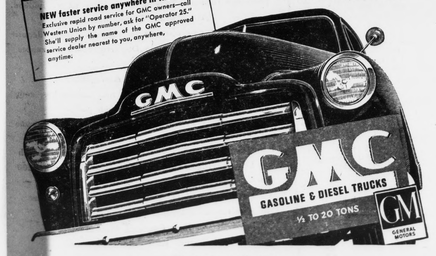

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